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The enclosed references were cited in a Notice of Reasons for Rejection on July 30, 2002 for the corresponding Japanese patent application. US 5,770,098 corresponds to JP 06-338479.

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